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Baiso language

Baiso is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in Ethiopia, in the region around Lake Abaya.[1] It is an unwritten language.[1]

Baiso	
Giddicho, Alkali	
Native to	Ethiopia
Region	in region of Lake Abaya
Ethnicity	Bayso people, Haro people (L2)
Native speakers	5,500 (2007 census)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Cushitic ▪ Lowland East Cushitic ▪ Omo-Tana ▪ East Omo-Tana ▪ Baiso-Jiddu ▪ **Baiso**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bsw
Glottolog	bais1246 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bais1246)[2]

Phonology

The following sounds are used in the Baiso language:[3][4]

Consonant phonemes

	Bilabial	Labio-dental	Alveolar	Post-alveolar (Palato-alveolar)	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Plosive	(p) b		t d			k g	ʔ
Ejective plosive	pʼ		tʼ			kʼ	
Implosive			ɗ				
Affricate				t͡ʃ d͡ʒ			
Ejective affricate			sʼ	t͡ʃʼ			
Fricative		f	s (z)	ʃ			h
Nasal	m		n		ɲ		
Implosive Nasal	mˀ		nˀ				
Trill			r				
Approximant					j		
Lateral approximant			l				

Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	/i/, /iː/		/u/, /uː/
Mid	/e/, /eː/		/o/, /oː/
Open		/a/, /aː/	

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